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(U) District of Columbia – US Declares Zika Public Health Emergency in Puerto Rico

(U) Washington DC – The Obama administration on 12 August declared a public health emergency in the US territory of Puerto Rico, saying the rapid and widespread transmission of the Zika virus threatens the health of infected pregnant women and their babies. The Caribbean island of about 3.5 million people has recorded 10,690 laboratory-confirmed cases of Zika, including 1,035 pregnant women, but the actual number of infections with the mosquito-borne virus is likely higher, the US Department of Health and Human Services said in a statement.

SOURCE: 12 August 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Georgia – Suspect Accused of Killing Georgia Police Officer Arrested

(U) Eastman – Authorities in south Georgia say a man accused of fatally shooting a police officer was arrested on 15 August. The Telfair County Sheriff's Office said in a statement on its website that 24-year-old Royheem Delshawn Deeds was in custody. Authorities say Deeds killed Eastman Patrol Officer Tim Smith on 13 August in a residential area of that city. Authorities say the 31-year-old Smith was responding to a suspicious person call when he encountered Deeds, exited his patrol car and was shot.

SOURCE: 15 August 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) New York – Hotels in Ten States and DC May Have Been Hit By Hackers

(U) New York City – Hyatt, Sheraton, Marriott and Westin hotels in 10 states and the District of Columbia may have been targeted by hackers for months. According to the hotel operator HEI Hotels & Resorts, malware put into place in at least 20 locations may have collected names, card account numbers, card expiration dates and verification codes. Data from customers may have been collected from early December, through late June. The company said it is continuing to cooperate with the law enforcement investigation and coordinating with banks and payment card companies.

SOURCE: 15 August 2016, [SF Gate](#)

(U) New York – Bangladesh Officials to Meet US Investigators over Heist

(U) New York City – A team from Bangladesh will meet officials of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the US Department of Justice this week in New York in connection with the cyber theft of \$81 million from the South Asian country's central bank in February, sources said. The goal of the meetings starting on 16 August would be to discuss what led to the heist, carried out by unidentified hackers, and how such events can be prevented in future.

SOURCE: 14 August 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Wisconsin – One Person Shot in Protest but No Repeat of Riots

(U) Milwaukee – One person was shot and wounded during a second night of violent unrest in Milwaukee to protest the fatal shooting of a black man by police, but there was no repeat of the widespread destruction of property. The city's police chief said Smith, 23, was shot and killed by a black police officer on 13 August after he turned toward the officer with a gun in his hand. The killing touched off violence that led to the destruction of six businesses on the city's mostly black north side. In addition

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to the businesses that were burned to the ground, 17 people were arrested and four police injured. Wisconsin's governor put the National Guard on standby to protect against further violence.
SOURCE: 14 August 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Afghanistan – US Official Confirms Drone Strike Killed Regional ISIL Leader**

(U) Nangarhar – The leader of ISIL's branch in Afghanistan and Pakistan was killed in a US drone strike in Afghanistan on 26 July, a US defense official said on 12 August on the condition of anonymity. The Afghan ambassador to Pakistan said earlier that a US drone strike had killed Hafiz Saeed Khan, in what would be a blow to efforts by ISIL to expand its control over territory into Afghanistan and Pakistan. The strike took place in the Kot district of Afghanistan's Nangarhar province, the US official said.

SOURCE: 12 August 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Honduras– Eight Killed in Apparent Drug Gangs' Dispute

(U) Tegucigalpa – Eight people were shot dead by unknown assailants early yesterday in the outskirts of Honduras's capital Tegucigalpa, police said, an apparent reprisal attack in a bloody gang dispute that has devastated the poor Central-American nation. The victims were attacked outside a bar in the southern Altos de Loarque district, an area dominated by Honduras's infamous Mara Salvatrucha (MS) gang. Earlier, two people were killed and five injured in the nearby La Rosa neighborhood, which is controlled by a rival gang, Mara Barrio 18. The gangs, which are involved in extortion, drug dealing and contract killings, are fighting over the control of neighborhoods in major cities across the country, where the homicide rate last year was 60 deaths for every 100,000 people.

SOURCE: 15 August 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Nigeria – Boko Haram Video Claims to Show Missing School Girls

(U) Chibok – Nigerian militant group Boko Haram has published a video apparently showing recent footage of dozens of school girls kidnapped two years ago, and saying some of them have been killed in air strikes. Boko Haram seized more than 270 girls from their school in Chibok, northeast Nigeria, in April 2014, part of a seven-year-old insurgency to set up an Islamic state in the north that has killed some 15,000 people and displaced more than two million.

SOURCE: 15 August 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Switzerland – Woman and Suspect Die after Swiss Train Attack

(U) St Gallen – One woman died and two girls were in serious condition a day after an attack on a Swiss train by a man armed with a knife and flammable fluid which also claimed the suspect's life, local police said yesterday. Five people were stabbed or suffered burns during the attack on the train nearing Salez station in St Gallen in northeast Switzerland. Police searched the home of the suspect, who lived in a neighboring canton. They said they had found no indication of a politically or terrorist motivated act. "The motive remains unclear," they said in a statement. "There is currently none that can be found." Police have not released the suspect's name.

SOURCE: 14 August 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Thailand – Police Find More Unexploded Bombs Following Coordinated Blasts

(U) Phuket – Thai police over the weekend found and defused five explosive devices that failed to detonate when an unidentified group carried out a series of deadly bomb attacks on popular tourist spots on 11 and 12 August. Police said they arrested one suspect following the bomb and arson attacks that killed four people and wounded dozens more in some of Thailand's best-known southern resorts and islands. No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks.

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